

Ammunition Plant Chiefs To Meet at OAC Thursday

A meeting at the Ordnance Ammunition Center Thursday, and Friday, will bring to Joliet the commanding officers and plant managers of the 12 ammunition loading and assembly plants of the Army Ordnance Corps. One of these plants is the Elwood Unit of Joliet Arsenal.

Two of the top subjects on the agenda for this annual two-day conference are the problems of maintaining plant efficiency and productiveness at reduced operating schedules, and keeping the plants in a "state of readiness" for all-out operation should the international situation require it.

TEN OF the 12 loading plants are operated for the Ordnance Corps by private industrial companies holding fixed-fee (limited profit) contracts. The other two are government-operated — that is, staffed by civil service employees. One of these is the Elwood Unit of Joliet Arsenal, and the other is the Ordnance Assembly Plant located near Baltimore, Md.

Also represented at the meeting will be Jefferson Proving Ground, the ammunition test center of OAC, located at Madison, Ind.

Keynote of the conference will be the pooling and exchange of information and "know-how" on ammunition production and plant

administration among the installations represented.

Brig. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw, commander of OAC, will be in charge of the conference. Col. T. L. Gaines, OAC manufacturing chief, will serve as chairman, assisted by Capt. T. L. Collins.

SEVERAL OTHER OAC divisions will take part in the conference, including the Production Control Division, represented by Col. L. H. Harrison, division chief; Inspection Division, represented by Mr. J. E. Spencer, deputy chief; Comptroller's Office, headed by Lt. Col. Norman C. Pardue; Safety Division, represented by Mr. E. W. Van Patten, deputy chief; and the Industrial Relations Office, headed by Mr. Warren D. Atwood.

The visitors will tour the loading lines at the Elwood Unit of Joliet Arsenal on Friday afternoon.

INSTALLATIONS to be represented at the conference, and the companies which operate them for the Ordnance Corps, are: Milan Arsenal, Milan, Tenn., operated by the Proctor and Gamble Co.; Louisiana Ordnance Plant at Shreveport, La., operated by Remington Rand, Inc.; Cornhusker Ordnance Plant at Grand Island, Neb., operated by Silas Mason Co.; Nebraska Ordnance Plant at Wahoo, Neb., op-

erated by National Gypsum Co.; Kansas Ordnance Plant at Parsons, Kan., also operated by National Gypsum Co.; Lone Star Ordnance Plant at Texarkana, Tex., operated by Day & Zimmerman, Inc.; Longhorn Ordnance Works, Marshall, Tex., operated by Universal Match Corp.; Kingsbury Ordnance Plant at LaPorte, Ind., operated by American Safety Razor Co.; Ravenna Arsenal at Apco, O., operated by Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.; and Iowa Ordnance Plant at Burlington, Ia., operated by Silas Mason Co.